

*Application No. 10/671,229***REMARKS**

Claims 17-19, 29-39, and 49 are pending in the application with claims 14-16, 20-28, and 48 cancelled herein. Applicant expresses appreciation for the allowance of claims 17-19, 29-39, and 49.

Claims 14-16, 20-28, and 48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (U.S. Publication No. 2003-0010980) in combination with Joret (U.S. Patent No. 6,924,037). Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, Applicant herein cancels the rejected claims in favor of presenting such claims in a continuing application. All pending claims in the present application are thus in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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